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TAGS: EPET, PTER, CO
SUBJECT: MORE ON MOST RECENT PIPELINE ATTACK

REF: BOGOTA 1985

1. DURING CHANCE MEETING WITH OCCIDENTAL COLOMBIA
PRESIDENT EDGAR QUINONES, QUINONES TOLD ECONOFF THAT
ENRIQUE AMOROCHO, ECOPETROL VP FOR PRODUCTION AND
TRANSPORT, HAD BEEN MISINFORMED CONCERNING CONSEQUENCES
OF MONDAY FEBRUARY 8 ATTACK ON THE CANON-LIMON-COVENAS
PIPELINE. QUINONES SAID THAT IN THE AREA OF ATTACK THE
PIPELINE WAS FULL OF CRUDE, THAT A MAJOR SPILL OF OIL
INTO THE CATATUMBO RIVER TOOK PLACE, AND THAT OIL WAS
FLOWING TOWARD VENEZUELA. HE SAID IT WOULD BE VERY
DIFFICULT TO CLEAN UP THE SPILL AND THAT THERE WOULD BE
ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE PIPELINE
HAS NOT BEEN OPERATIONAL SINCE JANUARY 12 AND THAT THE
FIELD REMAINS CLOSED. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM
OCCIDENTAL HAS TO DATE BEEN FULLY RELIABLE.
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